decision to award the same project to an Indian firm;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reviewing the earlier decision; and

(c) whether the later decision is more beneficial for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However, a letter of intent has been given to an Indian company which has a participation from a US firm, for a pilot project in four secondary switching areas of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Modernisation of ACC Babcock

*18. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asea Brown Ltd. (ABB) proposes to make the country its export base for power plants by modernising ACC Babcock acquired by it from the BIFR;

(b) whether any formal request has been received by Government from ABB in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the decision taken by Government; and

(d) what are the implications involved in relation to the development of indigenous power equipment?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) The rehabilitation package of ACC Babcock Limited (ABL) based on the offer of investment of Asea Brown Boveri (ABB) which has been prepared by the Industrial development Bank of India (IDBI) envisages sales and services to utilities of Central and State Governments and Independent Power Producers and also as providing suitable opportunities for sourcing of components by ABB from ABL, resulting in exports. The proposal forwarded by IDBI, after some modification, is being supported by the Government of India and the matter is fixed for final hearing before BIFR on 1.3.1995.

(d) The Investment decision of ABB would assist the development of indigenous power equipment through the rehabilitation of ABL.

कम शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटर केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण

*19. श्री आस मोहम्मद :
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कम शक्ति वाले अधिकांश ट्रांसमीटर केन्द्र संतोषजनक ढंग से काम नहीं कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या इन केन्द्रों में अधिकांश उपकरण खराब पाये गये हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इन उपकरणों में खामियों को दूर करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये हैं ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार उच्च शक्ति वाले टी.वी. ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।